

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-19 are pending in the present application and have been amended by the present Amendment.

CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

It is gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner has recognized the Applicants' claim for foreign priority. Because the Applicants' claim for foreign priority has been perfected, no additional action is required from the Applicants at this time.

DRAWINGS

The Examiner has not approved the Formal Drawings submitted by the Applicants. It is respectfully submitted that the drawings comply with the requirements of the USPTO. If the Examiner has any objections to the Formal Drawings, he or she is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned as soon as possible so that appropriate action may be taken. No further action is believed to be necessary at this time unless the undersigned receives a notice from the Examiner.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Kim et al. in view of Widmer et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

It is respectfully noted Kim et al. and the present application have the same Assignee as evidenced by the Assignment filed in both cases (i.e., the Assignee is LG Electronics, Inc.). Because Kim et al. is only a reference under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and the Assignee is the same in both cases, Kim et al. cannot be used in a 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejection. Further, it is respectfully noted Kim et al. is not directed to displaying first and second data broadcast signals. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested this rejection be withdrawn.

In addition, claims have been amended to better correspond with U.S. claim drafting practice and have not been amended to overcome any cited or applied art.

Further, the Abstract has been amended to correct minor informalities. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that the claims clearly distinguish over the patents relied on by the Examiner, either alone or in combination.

Since the remaining patents cited by the Examiner have not been utilized to reject the claims, but to merely show the state of the art, no comment need be made with respect thereto.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone David A. Bilodeau at (703) 205-8072 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Attachment: Abstract of the Disclosure

ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

A digital broadcasting method and apparatus providing digital broadcast signals based on different broadcasting standards to the audiences. The digital broadcasting apparatus includes a plurality of tuners which can receive the broadcast signals based on the different broadcasting standards. A data broadcast signal based on one broadcasting standard is received through one of the tuners and displayed. In a state that a data broadcast signal based on one broadcasting standard is being displayed, the data broadcast signal being displayed is replaced with the data broadcast signal based on the different broadcasting standard in response to the audience's request. Accordingly, the audiences can view the desired data broadcast signal without regard to the broadcasting standards.